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RSCCD BOARD OF TRUSTEES -- Posing informally prior to first meeting of year are from left Richard Hernandez, Carol Enos, John White, Rodolfo Montejano and Ed Taylor (seated). John Dowden and Hector Godinez were not present.

(photo by Jeff Barton)

Trustees review status report on second campus negotiations

by John Barna

Progress reports concerning negotiations with the Irvine Company for a second campus site and the drop in fall enrollment highlighted the RSCCD Board of Trustees first meeting of the 1976-77 school year.

* Dr. Vernon Armstrong, administrative dean of Planning and Development, has been meeting and working with the Irvine Company staff and indicated that the process of the Orange/Canyon site acquisition is proceeding on a schedule that will allow him to make a substantial report to the board on Sept. 27.

Dr. Armstrong, in a memo to the trustees, listed four items that summed the current status of negotiations as he saw it:

"1. Negotiations beyond Sept. 27 or early October, should be conducted against the background of an RSCCD Board Resolution indicating 'intent to condemn.' This means that by law, the Irvine Company will be able to condemn and regain ownership of the property sold to SAC if the college does not proceed with its plans for a second campus site.

"2. The College District has suggested that the Irvine Company give the required site to the District. The Irvine Company has not responded negatively to this prospect.

"3. The Irvine Company indicates that if there is a purchase, the lowest of the two appraisals would be a basis for consideration.

"4. The Irvine Company representatives have indicated that title could change hands with a nominal exchange of money and that payment for the site could be hinged on terms that meet the general convenience of the College District."

The actual configuration of the site has not been finalized as it is contingent on the way the school is able to acquire the location. The size may differ if SAC is given the land as opposed to having purchased it.

Geological and seismic studies are currently underway and preliminary reports indicate that there is "no hazard to the site outside the small area in the 100-year flood plain." This is from Ralph Allen, the architect hired by the board in the planning of site acquisition.

The other major item of interest was the fact that enrollment is down 11 percent through late registration. Harold Bateman, dean of Admissions/Records/Research, gave three major reasons for the decline.

"First, a policy requiring releases for all Saddleback Community College District

students caused a drop in over 1,000 students from the previous year. Second, over one-third of the veterans (of the Korean War) had their education aid money terminated causing many of these students to not enroll or enroll for fewer units. Third, the country has a better economy and many students have obtained jobs and have decided not to enroll in classes this fall."

This has caused the dropping of nearly 150 class offerings. Enrollment is down from 5 to 35 percent statewide in the community college system, studies show.

Library to be focal point for learning assistance programs

by John Barna

The result of extensive remodeling of Nealley Library during the course of the summer will be "the start of a one-spot problem solving center," according to Donna Farmer, dean of Instructional Services.

Instead of various locations scattered about several buildings, an attempt is being made to coordinate all the learning assistance programs in a single area.

Planning for this started last November when Dr. Richard Sneed, vice-president of Academic Affairs and Isabelle Rellstab, vice-president of Student Affairs, requested that a Learning Skills Committee be formed. Its task was to "recommend a plan, including faculty recommendations, for the coordination of the various learning assistance programs," as stated in the report presented to Dr. Sneed by Farmer.

After meeting weekly over a three month period, representatives from the Math Lab, Reading Lab, Learning Center, Counseling, Computer Instructional Services, Instructional Services and Library Services established nine facility needs to accomplish its assigned task.

Learning Center Coordinator Michael Trevitt said that in the past there has been little coordination between the different areas. If a counselor advised a student to go to the Learning Center for help in a particular area, he said "there was no feedback to that counselor as to the results of his or her planning." Trevitt stated that studies

Coed wins --sort of

LINDA MOURON -- For a scoop on the Miss America pageant, featuring SAC's former coed, turn to page three. Linda tap danced her way to finish third runner-up in the prestigious event.



Campus News Briefs

Instructor dies during summer

Charles E. Trygg, Environmental Studies chairman, suffered a fatal heart attack July 12. The 55-year-old instructor taught at SAC for five years. He worked with students studying the effects of pollutants on land and water.

Trygg received his Masters in Science from Harvard University and a Masters in Public Administration from USC. He was also visiting professor at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil.



Trygg

ASB offers free food, music

The ASB starts the fall season of student activities today with a barbecue, a free concert and a pep rally in the Amphitheater and on the campus mall nearby.

Hot dogs, potato salad and cold soda will be served up free for ASB card holders and at a cost of one dime to all others; starting at 11:30 and continuing until 1 p.m.

The eleven-piece soul group Funky Serenity, which includes four SAC students in its line up, will perform in the Amphitheater from 1 to 2 p.m. The SAC Pep Band and the Pep Squad will precede the band, starting their show at 12:30.

ASSAC Senate seats open

Freshman petitions will go out on Monday and are due back on Sept. 29. There are seven ASSAC Senate seats available. Elections will be held Oct. 4, 5, 6 and 7. A voting booth will be located near Russell Hall.

'Earthquake' set for tonight

The movie Earthquake will be shown tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Phillips Hall.

Speech team plans future

Though only five experienced speakers are returning for their second year of competition, Ken Turknette, SAC speech and debating coach, believes he has recruited 10 potentially outstanding orators.

"This year," he says, "we will be more of a threat in the persuasive and communication analysis events." Last year at the state and national contests SAC failed to win an award in both these events.

The speech team plans to compete in 20 contests during the year with at least one trip to Northern California and to the national tournament in Washington, D.C. next April.

Students at SAC are encouraged to join the team especially if they are pre-law, education, police science or ministerial majors.

have shown that if a student has difficulty in one facet of learning, he is likely to have trouble in other aspects as well. "Everyone was working in isolation and had a feeling of no one knowing what was going on," he said.

Dr. Neal Rogers, dean of Counseling and Guidance, felt similar to Trevitt about the need for closer monitoring of students. He indicated that the Learning Skills Committee was much concerned with the idea of working towards a unified approach with the "whole system working as a group as opposed to five different systems."

One of the outcomes is that the Learning Center is now located on the second floor of the library, adjacent to the Math Lab, Computer Assisted Instruction and testing area.

Another gain is that with the teletypes and computer terminals in adjacent areas, an instructor can bring an entire class to work on computer assignments.

The former Listening Lab is now a classroom for Basic Math and Special Services classes, equipped with television monitors to view video tapes.

On the ground floor, the area vacated by the Learning Center will have carrels equipped with video players so that the nearly 2,500 television students can review tapes of any program they missed or did not understand.

The only services not available to the students in this one area are the Reading and Writing Labs which are still located in Dunlap Hall.

Elizabeth Reich

Disney Gestapo experiences told



The position as Editor of el DON includes writing a weekly commentary on various observations on life. Here is the first in the series.

Unlike many students struggling through a temporary summer job I discovered that such a meager employment can turn out to be not just boring but sometimes exciting, once-and-awhile humorous and too often embarrassing.

I worked as a security officer at Disneyland.

Although never struck by a seething desire to order people around, I soon found myself in just that position -- all the while wondering what ever put me in it to begin with.

Being an East Coast girl, my early years were spent dreaming of the wonders of the Magic Kingdom. Not considering myself an All-American, peaches-and-cream-type female kept me from applying for work there sooner.

This year I became self-assertive and landed the job.

After four days of training, my first night was spent walking the back fence to catch would-be trespassers, probably the most uninteresting work at Disneyland.

Walking with a German shepherd is the only beneficial aspect involved with the monotonous eight-hour stint.

Declining, after discovering that all the female officers had at one time been bitten by the ferocious animals, I spent the evening alone reciting radio code 999 over and over: officer needs help -- urgent!

Back in the park, my first task was to become accustomed to many-a-male's clever remarks ("Are you a cop? Would you arrest me?").

Soon I acquired an opportunity to show what I was made of. I was called into the woman's restroom where there had been reports of someone disturbing the peace.

Being new at the game, I boldly entered the area, bravely confronted the perpetrators and then cowardly stared at them for a solid minute before coming up with just the right words to say. Finally breaking the silence I asked, "Have you been here long?"

Although often asked if the job was dangerous, I can honestly say no. But one night . . . after receiving a call that intruders were lurking behind the Small World Stage, I grabbed my only weapon (my trusty flashlight) and proceeded into the dark to find dozens of gigantic spiders resting in their foot-long webs. That was nothing short of being a traumatic experience.

And although being a security officer entails much negative dealings with the public, I met a little girl named Lorna who gave me a pleasure I'll presumably know only once in a lifetime . . . she requested my autograph.

Unable to find Mickey or Donald, I was the only one around, and well, I guess I did all right for the time being.

Now, imagine, if possible, this radio call on a busy Sunday in the park: "If you see a group of 50 to 60 persons in wheelchairs, inform them that they left two behind at the main gate."

Quickly responding, I flung myself against the nearest wall and waited for the multitude to pass.

Of course, anyone ever employed by the Kingdom can tell a tale of all the questions folks ask.

While the Glenn Miller Band entertained guests in July, a series of persons asked "Which one is Glenn Miller?"

And then there was this fellow I'll never forget. "I know I've always heard of Disneyland," he explained, "but tell me, what's there to see here?"

I then introduced him to Goofy . . . after all, that's what it's all about.

Analysis

SAC enrollment decrease signals tapering educational objectives

by John E. Lee

A drop in enrollment has led to a narrowing of educational opportunities at California community colleges this fall.

Casualties of a statewide enrollment depression, over 180 classes at SAC failed to reach the 15-student minimum required by the district to justify the cost of instruction.

The courses were cancelled. Ten percent of the total curriculum was dropped -- twice the average.

Students reacted with confusion, disappointment and frustration. One suffered a setback of a full semester when a class required for his commercial art major, the only one of its kind, was cancelled.

Another found a course in his field, health science, to have been re-scheduled for a time when he could not attend.

Both had carefully organized their job hours and study loads specifically around those classes.

Most were more fortunate. Since 62 percent of the classes dropped had multiple sections, people were able to add a different section of the same course.

However, 69 of the casualties stood alone. When cancelled, they were simply gone. Of these, 15 are listed in the catalogue as requirements for major fields.

Students are not the only ones to suffer. One administrator indicated that several part-time instructors lost jobs when the district had to replace them with full-time faculty whose teaching hours fell below contract guarantees.

No one on campus seems pleased with the situation.

"I know what goes into scheduling a class," declared Dr. Richard Sneed, dean of Academic Affairs, "and it's very traumatic to cancel one."

Sneed pointed out that to get a course "on the books" takes the work of budget analysts, curriculum committee, bookstore staff, admissions

office, division heads, deans and instructors.

It's a big operation, but generally it works well.

In fact, the enrollment drop seems to be the result of circumstances, not the fault of individuals.

Admissions Dean Harold Bateman cited three causes: an improved economy has opened up the job market; GI Bill benefits have ended for vets discharged before 1966; and nearby Saddleback College has cut 1,000 students from the number released to this district last year.

Whatever its causes, the enrollment drop will cost the district an estimated \$500,000 to \$750,000 in state funds, according to Dean of Financial Affairs, Ernest Norton.

"The loss of revenue," Norton stated, "will either have to come from our reserves, which is dangerous, or we will have to be very tight in our belt."

It is generally accepted that money will be tight in the future. This means fewer courses will open next spring. Major requirements will have priority.

Electives, "the enrichment classes," will feel the tightest pinch.

But there is evidence of hope. Sociology 113, a study of the Black family taught by Dr. John West, was cancelled for budgetary reasons before mail-in registration began.

Two students, one of whom West described as "an older gentleman of high standing in the community," were able to re-instate the class.

Applying pressure through letters and petitions, they opened the class to late registration procedures and attracted 23 students.

The administration is not an unresponsive monolith; at least, not always. Through informal polling by individual instructors and advance commitments from students, a variety of electives could be maintained.

The drop in enrollment marks a significant shift in community college affairs. Caught in the squeeze between a growing job market and state officials who frown on recruitment drives, the system faces its most serious trial of recent years.

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Editorial

Community College scheduling caught in maze of changing regulations

Once again, SAC students have fallen victim to a disconcerting first week which serves as a prime example of community college scheduling confusion. Students attended classes Tuesday and Wednesday, received a mini-vacation Thursday, California Admissions Day, and then came back for classes on Friday. One wonders if that first week was actually necessary and why the start of the semester could not have been scheduled to begin a week or even several weeks later.

Community college schedules are at the mercy of a state law, Section 25507, which states that day college instruction be held for a minimum of 175 days. Previously, the two weeks held for registration were included in the 175 day figure but the state decided to meddle in community college scheduling by passing an amendment which states that registration days cannot be included in the total number. SAC was forced into a paradoxical situation. If the college started a week later the traditional week break between semesters would have to be eliminated or the spring semester would have to be extended.

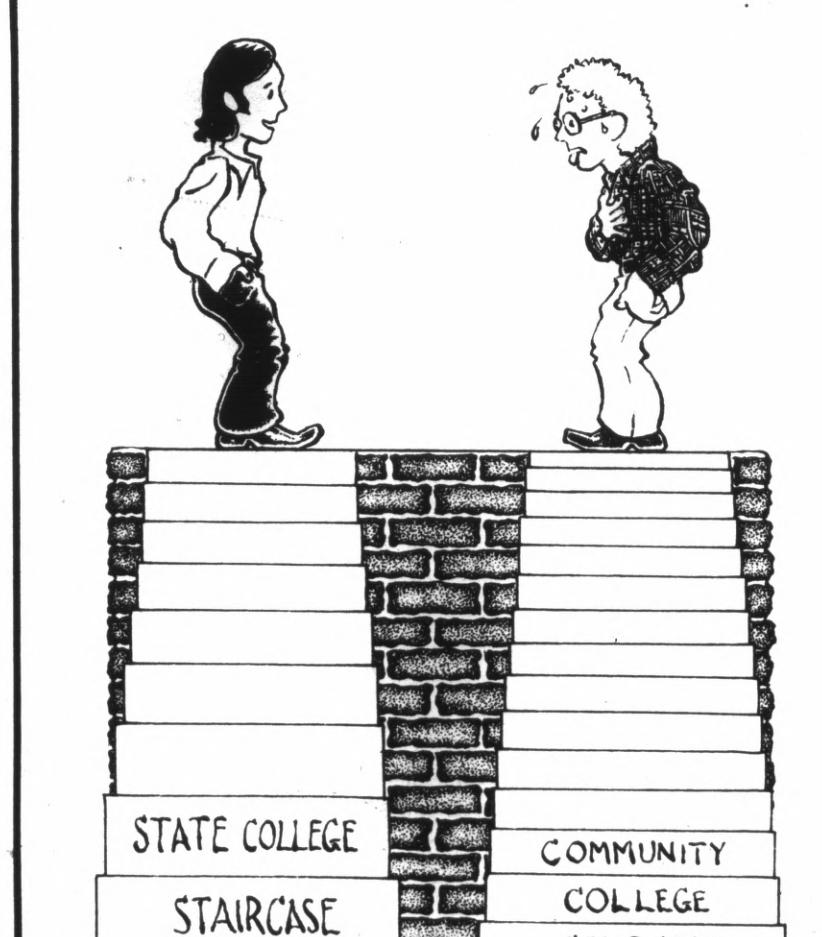
el DON feels the 175-day minimum is unnecessary and advocates a shortened schedule. Recently, the state has also concurred with this philosophy and began a study of the effects of a

shortened schedule on community colleges by having approved experimental calendars from six community colleges in the state. Nearby Saddleback College in Mission Viejo was chosen as one of the six.

However, the state legislature and the Board of Governors plan to spend three years in the study of the new developments arising from a shortened schedule. They argue that students may have a more difficult time mastering a subject in a shorter time and instructors must adapt their teaching skills in order to cover the material rapidly.

This problem confronts students and faculty at community colleges, nonetheless the challenge is met at state colleges and universities as they meet 160 days only and students are able to comprehend the subject matter. Since students in the first two years of college are similar on most campuses, one wonders why community colleges are considered the exception.

el DON urges that SAC along with other community colleges petition the state legislature to limit the proposed study to one year instead of three. By cutting down on the amount of time and bureaucratic boondogling, SAC should have a college schedule, not just a contrived state schedule for college.



What took you so long?

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Rock 'n' roll, 'Earthquake' shake the year up for a start

by Kim Kavanagh

"We're kicking the year off," announced Don McCain, director of Student Activities. The "happening" he was describing is an "orientation" that will take place today at the amphitheater.

The fun will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a barbecue, free to ASB cardholders and a fee of a dime to everyone else. Hot dogs and potato salad will be on the menu.

Following the feast at 12:30 p.m., the SAC pep band and squad will perform.

After that at "approximately" 1:00 p.m., an 11-man rock-n-roll band, The Funky Serenity will be the entertainment.

This evening, Community Services is sponsoring the highly acclaimed movie, *Earthquake* starring Charlton Heston. It will be shown in Phillips Hall at 7:30 p.m., with no admission to those with ASB cards and \$1 to all others.

Next week, in Phillips Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 7:30 p.m. a travel film and lecture on

Germany with Dick Reddy will be presented by Community Services. No charge is required.

On the same evening the Planetarium will provide a night of information concerning Mercury and Venus. The show is called *900 Degree Planets*, and will consist of slides and lecture. It will be held at 7:30 p.m., with no fee. The presentation of the planets will also be held on the 23, 28, and 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Community Services is sponsoring a bluegrass concert on Wednesday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. to be held at the amphitheater. The group performing call themselves Hot Off the Press.

For the singles over 40, Community Services is organizing dances which will be held every Saturday night from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the student lounge. Live music will be provided and there will be no charge to members of the Social Solo Club and \$1.75 to all others.

Dances, food, music, films, and lectures will be on the agenda for SAC's start of a busy semester.

SAC's & Cal's beauty queen comes up fourth in nation

by Ron Mills

"Thanks to the Miss America Pageant my educational goals can be reached," said Linda Michelle Mouron, third runner-up to Miss America in the contest finals at Atlantic City, N.J. last Saturday night.

Linda was awarded a \$3,000 scholarship for her runner-up performance.

At first impression, one does not regard fourth place as a great accomplishment, but after a second examination of this year's pageant, the realization becomes apparent that any of the finalists competing for the coveted crown could have easily outdistanced many of the winners in previous years. This group is that elite.

The reigning Miss California and now SAC alumna showed equal poise and charm in the position of third runner-up as she displayed as winner at the state level.

Linda accredits her success to desire, determination, a lot of hard work, a loving mother and the support of "many wonderful friends."

The pageant was not without flaws however.

If someone had been late tuning in, he may have easily mistaken Phyllis George, one of the co-hosts, for one of the contestants desperately trying to win the tiara. She appeared to be continually trying to promote the image of herself rather than spotlighting the contestants.

The viewer was forced to retire finding himself empty of pertinent information about the beauties. What he did get was information normally supplied by a novice freshman reporter for a high school monthly. Isn't it very exciting to learn that a contestant is 19-years-old and she comes from East Dumptown, Deservtania?

It has been a week of

"specials" on network television, and perhaps Bert Parks, perennial host for this event, thought that this one was his.

He attempted singing several numbers with a voice that has always been suspect and is now failing and cracking, while making very little use of the wealth of talent possessed by the contestants.

He was good for the nostalgia buffs, however, as his performance stimulated one to recall the character portrayed in so many of the old "B" movies who enjoyed a star-studded career and then fell victim egocentrism and "John Barleycorn." This poor soul was traditionally found roaming in skid row by an old friend and convinced to straighten-up and dry out. Then, on the eve of his big come-back, he disappears and seeks comfort once more from the sauce.

A frantic search for him is then carried on by his friends. He is found totally drunk and dirty in a far corner of a dingy bar.

This sequence continues with an accelerated program of black coffee therapy and a quick shower. Then, after a supersonic taxi ride, he makes it to the stage on time only to discover that he is indeed a has-been.

Perhaps the blame for this seemingly shoddy spectacle should be placed on the shoulders of the people who do the program scheduling at

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It's over now, the queasiness of the first day of school syndrome.



The first day of school blues--"What are we doing here?"

by Jerri Ash

One would think that having achieved the status of college student, that one is exempted from the "first day of school" syndrome.

One would suppose that this was outgrown in the first grade. Nay, not so.

For it was vastly evident to this also "first day of school" student that this phenomenon of queasiness was ever-present.

It can be described like this. Students saunter into the classroom . . . pause noticeably . . . then their eyes flicker over the available chairs. Having found what will be our spot, we walk unhurriedly to that chair.

What bliss if we find someone we know, for then we are not alone. That knowledge gives us a kind of boldness that was previously lacking.

Silence. Obviously the teacher has arrived. Of course we know this is the instructor; for this person has poise and a lack of sneaky glances.

The teacher says a few words; we laugh, perhaps it was funny. In truth, we cannot remember what we laughed about.

And, there is not a delicate way to say this, but there is always someone with a wisecrack. This too, is part of that first day.

Roll call. We students express what we would like to be called and if our name was pronounced correctly.

Class handouts are given; we look more blank than ever. The course is explained and then we are asked - "Any Questions?"

Of course, the Big One, What are we doing here? But we never say that . . . just like we didn't in the first grade.

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Campus News Briefs

ASSAC names new VP

Darlene Jacobson, former senate pro-tem, has assumed the office of ASSAC vice president. Ross Anderson, previous veep, resigned after his acceptance to UC San Diego.

Darlene served in the student senate and also as Activities Commissioner last year.

Last summer concert slated

Cracker, funky-jazz band, will perform in the outdoor amphitheatre Wed., Sept. 29. They are currently on an Orange County tour and this group's performance is the last of the amphitheatre concerts held this summer at SAC.

Over-40 crowd to dance

Dances will be held for singles over 40 every Saturday night 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the Student Lounge. No charge to the members of the Social Solo Club and \$1.25 to all others. These events are sponsored by Community Services.

OCTD passes available for Oct.

Monthly passes to ride all OCTD busses are available today for next month. Cost is \$6 per month. Schedules are available in the Activities Office, the Library, the Bookstore and the lobby of the Administration Building.

Frosh petitions due Sept. 29

Freshmen petitions for student senate are due Sept. 29. There are seven seats available and elections will be held Oct. 4 to 7. The voting booths will be located near Russell Hall.

Planetarium offers free shows

Tessmann Planetarium hosts 900 Degree Planets Sept. 28 and 30. Shows are free but reservations are required. Call 835-3000 ext. 297 for your seat.

Campus set for Booth Day

Club Booth Day, sponsored by the Inter-Club Council, is Wed. Sept. 29. Club booths will be set up on the campus mall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MECHA to select officers

MECHA's elections for officers are being held today from 12-1 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge above the Bookstore.

Campus Calendar

RSCCD Board Meeting Monday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m. The trustees meet on the upper floor of the Administration Building . . .

ASSAC Senate meeting Monday, Sept. 27 in room B-5 at noon . . .



HUNGRY STUDENTS GETTING SATISFIED -- potato salad and cold drinks for the inflation-beating price of free with an ASB card or ten cents without. (photo by Chris Abbott)

Abortion issue's impact could tilt Nov. election

by Bob Sparks

Political issues in a presidential campaign often do not have as great an impact on the voters, as do the candidates themselves. But in the upcoming November election, there is a possibility that one issue might change the outcome of the presidential race.

The topic is abortion, and the two major candidates disagree on how it should be treated.

President Ford favors a constitutional amendment that would allow each state to either ban abortion or permit it.

The Democratic candidate, Jimmy Carter, is personally against abortion, but disagrees with government involvement in preventing them.

The present laws concerning abortion were made back in 1973 by the Supreme Court. Their decision was that in the first three months of pregnancy, it is left up to the woman and her doctor. In the second three months, the states may intervene to assure the safety of the mother and her child. During the final three months, the states may prohibit abortions.

The issue is perhaps the first time in the campaign that both Carter and Ford have taken a definite stand on a topic, which might possibly hurt their chances. Carter, who is southern Baptist, needs the Catholic-Democrat vote, but many Catholics are against abortion. Ford on the other hand, is approving it for some states and against it

for others, which does not set well with some.

Many people feel that it is an issue which really doesn't belong in an election. Virginia Tredway, psychology instructor at SAC, feels that there is too much emphasis being placed on abortion.

"It's playing more on the people's emotions, than the issue itself," she said. "There are many more issues that require much more attention."

Whereas there might be a great deal of attention being thrust upon this topic, Dr. Fred Mabbott, an instructor of political science at the college, feels it has a positive effect.

"It forces the candidates to stand clearly on the topic of abortion," said Mabbott. "It's hard to be wishy-washy on abortion."

The topic is obviously a serious issue here in California. Last year, 318,000 babies were born. Of all the abortions that were reported, statistics show that 142,000 women chose not to give birth.

Recently, Governor Brown signed a bill that would require doctors to do everything medically possible to save a surviving fetus during an abortion. Also in California, abortions are possible in the final three months of pregnancy, if it is felt to be necessary to save the mother's life.

Whether or not abortion will be of great concern to the voters in November, it presently is of interest.

"People usually tend not to vote for just one issue," said Mabbott. "But this is a hot issue, and will remain so."

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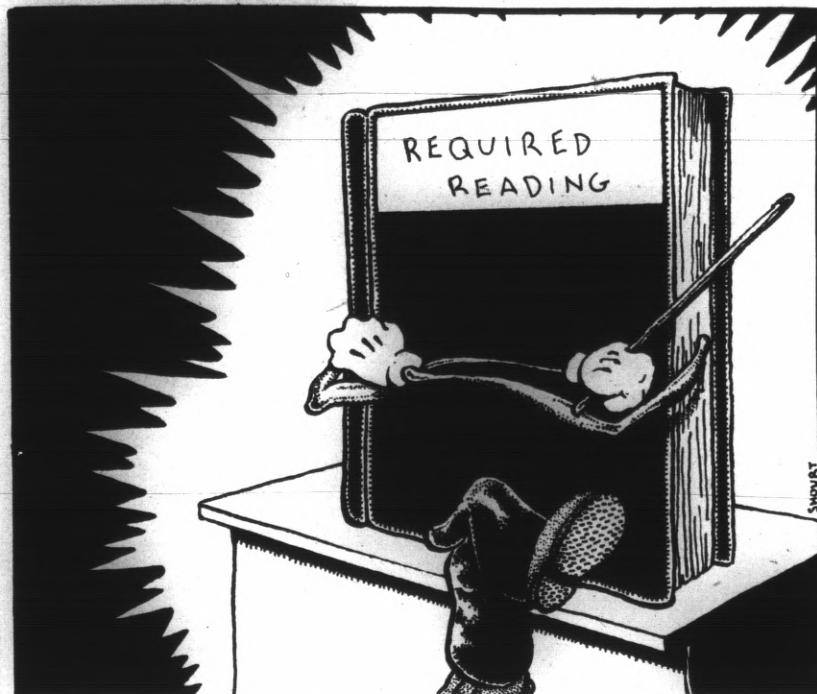


THE DANCE OF FREEDOM -- The Relampago Del Cielo Ballet Folklorico de Santa Ana in one of the many dance numbers to commemorate the day when Mexico was finally free of the tyranny of Spain. Loud applause was the hallmark of the evening as the full house enjoyed itself. (photo by Sergio Zamora)

Mexican Independence Day at SAC, festivities help students celebrate



THEY LOVED THEM -- Singer Emma Sigala and Jose Gonzalez Gonzalez acknowledge the applause at the conclusion of an evening of joyous celebration for Mexican Independence Day in Phillips Hall. (photo by Sergio Zamora)



Class, you will believe what I say!

Editorial

Experimental texts encourage flexibility

Choosing textbooks seems to be a trivial matter to most departments at SAC. Instructors use their own discretion in choosing textbooks for advanced classes but the department often agrees on one "core" textbook for beginning courses. Now, the Political Science Department has changed this tradition by offering an experimental textbook, *American Government, Incomplete Conquest* by Theodore Lowi, along with the traditional textbook, *Government by the People* by Burns, Peltason, and Cronin.

The split within the department was due to a difference of opinion over the Lowi book. After much discussion, a compromise was reached and a decision made that *American Government* be used as an experimental text in order to determine whether or not it is a better instructional text than the Burns or some other text. The decision as to which text is to be used will be made next spring.

el DON congratulates the Political Science Department for what may lead to greater flexibility in choosing textbooks for introductory courses.

This policy will benefit both instructors and students. Often students find the textbook chosen for the introductory classes to be too difficult or uninteresting. Student feedback will achieve a greater importance as student and faculty opinion will help decide which book is preferable.

Experimental texts can also lead to choosing and expanding a wider range of material and the presentation of different views. Instead of using the same books year after year in introductory courses, the instructor has the prerogative of finding another text which approaches the subject from a different perspective and thus may better challenge the students to learning.

Opponents of this policy may argue that continuation of the new practice will lead to the treatment of students as experimental guinea pigs. Others feel safeguards must be established for introductory classes so that the student will understand the basic concepts of the subject upon completion of the class. By having identical introductory textbooks this guard is established so that the same ideas will be taught by all teachers within the department.

One way to resolve this situation is to use the traditional text hand in hand with the experimental text. Then a choice can be made as to which textbook is preferred.

This philosophy offers another educational tangent, that the instructors have free choice of any textbook in an introductory course rather than accept a decision made by the department.

el DON hopes this experiment by the Political Science Department will create educational excitement within other departments on campus and encourage them to experiment with experimental textbooks.

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Analysis

Is sports violence the norm of today's troubled society?

by Ron Mills

Soon after the "Boys of Summer" pack their gear and head for all points, and the A's make their exodus from Oakland, those individuals who wear knives on their shoes and carry clubs in hand will begin sweating themselves into shape for the opening of the hockey season.

An avalanche of stories condemning violence in athletics is sure to follow.

There is no doubt that violence exists in hockey. It is a violent game.

Many articles have been written by talented scriveners of sports which denounce violence in hockey almost to the point of damnation of the game itself.

These writers all have done their research well and used their gift of words well.

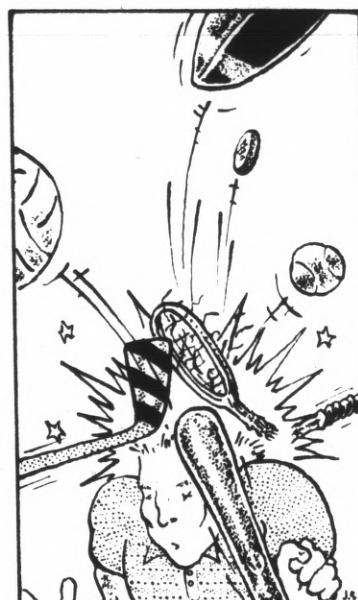
In spite of this, one still gets the overwhelming feeling that he is listening to tales about the agony of childbirth as related by an aged virgin spinster.

Anyone who has ever laced up a pair of skates and endeavored to play easily understands that most of the violence in hockey is not premeditated.

No one can play hockey unless he is intensely competitive, and the continuity

of the game is the stimulus that such a person needs to retaliate for what he feels was a cheap shot taken at him.

Does this justify the situation? Of course not, but why is hockey singled out for attack?



Why are hockey players being arrested and brought to trial for their acts and no action of that nature is taken against the footballers or the diamondmen?

Their attacks on other players are much more serious in nature.

Consider the baseball pitcher. He begins his assault by first holding a meeting of the infield, then thoroughly briefs the

catcher, walks around the mound, gets sufficient rosin on his hands (for a firmer grip on the ball), stares in the direction of the batter for several seconds (for better aim) and then proceeds to bean him.

Is this circumstantial evidence? Sure it is. If you are in a batting slump or (in Nolan Ryan's case) not the opposing catcher, the circumstances are that you are relatively safe from beaning.

In baseball there is also that highly admired individual who is leading the team in stolen bases because he slides into bases with his spikes directed at the fielders face.

Why is the penalty for clipping (a potentially crippling maneuver) only 15 yards? A player knows when he's clipping; he just hopes he will get away with it.

Chuck Muncie has alledged that his glasses have been broken three times in pre-season play through well calculated design.

Condoning hockey violence is not the purpose of this article but rather to encourage the prosecuting attorney's office to purchase season tickets to baseball and football games as well as hockey.

After all, when it comes to violence, it's RUB A DUB DUB, THREE GAMES IN A TUB.

Elizabeth Reich



Space program travels from fiction to reality

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

There is a state prison in California whose name reflects the existence behind its walls. It caters to a feeling called lonliness that has become a more than vivid depiction for those of us who reside in Soledad State Penitentiary. In less than four months, a two-and-a-half year stay in a cage will be coming to a close for me. During that time, my feelings have somewhat subsided into a detached and cold sensation of lonliness. In hopes that I may be revived back into life, I felt that by extending my hand in an expression of openness towards caring once again, maybe someone could help me realign the attitude and manners of an animal. Being as we lack the subtlety of a feminine touch, most male prisoners tend towards becoming a little hardened in this regard. What I am saying with all sincerity is that I would greatly appreciate talking with someone through correspondence before my release. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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At the sound of an eerie beeping noise, beyond the red dust, peeking through a glowing pink sky, is a green alien with bulging red eyes, antennae and a strange radar weapon at his side . . .

Could be a scene from a 1950's Sci Fi thriller . . . but then . . .

The current Viking probes on Mars have rejuvenated a sudden surge of re-speculation as to whether or not life actually exists beyond our fair planet -- the seemingly eternal question.

It is incredible how little we know compared to that of which we possibly can or will know concerning the universe (such a vast region . . . it is probable that a wealth of knowledge never will present itself about what is "beyond").

Although innumerable achievements have occurred in the past decades alone, one wonders what prohibited earlier revelations, considering astronomy is among the oldest of all sciences and avocations of man.

A senseless degree of mythology and superstition seems to have plagued man's early years of discovering. Or was it a fear of the unknown . . . After all, life can be and, unless wrought with unnecessary pain, hunger or poverty, usually is quite beautiful. The wonders of the earth are graciously plentiful.

And the human form -- is it not but a small and insignificant creature when compared to the enormous devastating universe?

Is mankind, surrounded by a mass diversity of life forms, so concerned with the term "living" that the fantasy of existence on Mars or elsewhere has become almost an obsession?

No one has denied that we indeed are here. But scientifically speaking, are we mere composites of chemicals which for one reason or another find it impossible to habitate other lands?

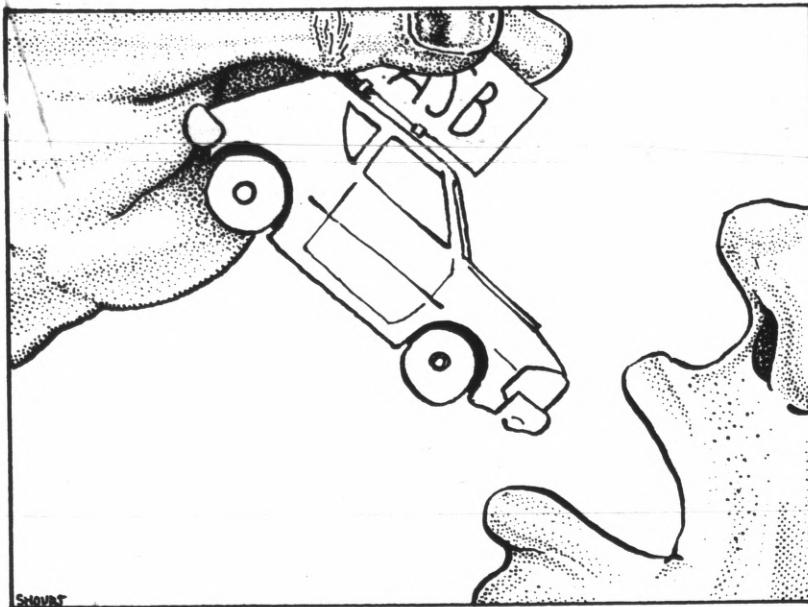
Mars, although similar to earth, suffers from a gravity only 4/10ths that of our planet. A thin top layer of warm soil covers an otherwise cold territory that experiences below-freezing temperatures.

But the little green men with antennae may still be there.

Suppose, through the use of the Viking probes, a form of mankind appears unheard of on Mars. But perhaps Martians are telepathic and have powerful imaginations that actually will themselves invisible to man . . .

Suppositions such as these may go on infinitely . . . question any fan of science fiction and the possibilities become endless.

Whatever the outcome of the probes, one thing is certain: the universe, so immense in size, appears to be a vastly unknown entity, something exciting to conquer, thrilling to dream about and continually intriguing to investigate.



The ASB car giveaway may take place after the goldfish swallowing contest or at a baseball game.

All ASB members prove eligible to win shiny new Gremlin, drawing Nov. 20

by Julia Romero

All ASB card holders are eligible to win a brand new Gremlin in the third annual drawing to be held Nov. 20 as announced by Director of Activities Don McCain.

The car now sitting in the center quad of the school is donated by Mr. C's Tires, Ward S. Lee and the ASB. To be eligible to win, a student must purchase an ASB card for \$10 at

the Student Activity Center near the school cafeteria. All names will be taken from a computer readout and placed in a box to be drawn at an undecided event the week of homecoming.

McCain stated, "This year's drawing will not be as exciting as last, but at least it will be fair to all students involved." He hinted that it may be during a baseball game or after the goldfish swallowing contest.

The main objective of giving away the vehicle is to boost sales on student body cards as reported by McCain. He stated that no increase has been noticed as yet, but this is due to a drop in student enrollment.

This year's drawing will be different than last, so that each student can have a fair chance to win the Gremlin. According to McCain, last year's event involved attending an athletic event to be eligible to win.

'Major Barbara' chosen, first show of season

by Phyllis Hutchins

George Bernard Shaw's Major Barbara will be marching across the Phillips Hall stage in the first major production of the Theater Arts Department fall season.

One of Shaw's more "able and distinctive" plays according to a myriad of critics, Major Barbara, a satirical-farce, will "first night" on Thursday, Oct. 28. The play will run for two successive week-ends, Oct. 28 through Sunday, Oct. 31, and Friday, Nov. 1, through Sunday, Nov. 3.

The play and the players will be entered in the American College Theater Arts Festival competition. If the performance wins, the play will be presented in Washington, D.C. at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts where the gala event will be held. H.R. Blaustone, chairman of the

Last year's winner, Mark Gallegos, won a new car at the last basketball game of the season. McCain volunteered the information that when the original idea was initiated two years ago, its primary function was to get students to attend athletic events, on or about the SAC campus. That's why students were required to attend the games to win.

Several complaints were received from upset members stating it wasn't fair to those who had to work on Saturday nights and couldn't attend the ballgames. An agreement was then made to have a large drawing where every member is eligible to win. No participation is necessary.

McCain's feelings about the drawing are of disappointment. As he stated, "it was much more fun to see the drawing done during an athletic activity, all the anxiety and fun could be felt."

Theater Arts Department, will direct.

Auditions are still "in progress" according to a Theater Arts source. The case selection will be announced in next week's el Don. All members of the Theater Arts classes are auditioning -- this is mandatory -- along with a number of potential actors and actresses. There is no pre-casting.

Anticipating that the play will win, moveable sets are being designed so that they can be shipped to Washington, D.C.

The play is a philosophical comedy-discussion. The conflict has the ideology of Salvationism pitted against war-mongering and capitalistic munitions making, with the continuing thread of "who will inherit" woven throughout. Shaw does not show poverty as a virtue to be endured; rather, it is shown in its grimy, grotesque, demoralizing exploitation.

For Shaw, the cardinal virtues are courage and self-respect. And he believed that if the poor in a democracy allowed themselves to be exploited, starved, and snubbed, it is only because of their own abject poverty.

As critic and essayist Robert Burstein observes, "for those who think that Shaw capitulated to capitalism in Major Barbara, the character stands as proof of his abiding distaste for the self-seeking businessman."

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Old songs, new hits, 'Jonathan' highlight Neil Diamond show

by David Vetter

"There on a distant shore by the wings of dreams through an open door you may know him, if you may."

These words and more come from only one man, Neil Diamond, the man who has grown as much in an through his music as he has shared it with others.

Diamond recently finished an eight day engagement at the Greek Theater, selling out every night in five hours.

Despite the weather, the middle age man in the sequined white shirt and black pants, put on a show that was unique in all ways, every night.

Diamond sang such favorites as "Kentucky Woman", "Sweet Caroline," "Cherry, Cherry," "I am I said," "Song Sung Blue" and many more.

He also sung many cuts from his new album entitled Beautiful Noise including his two newest hits, "If You Know What I Mean" and "Don't Think . . . Feel."

When it came to the encore, his show almost turned into two different complete programs, starting with Jonathan Livingston Seagull.

Meanwhile the background has turned to a beautiful blue and pink sky in which Jonathan is flying.

The scenes change as Neil goes from song to song while narrating the story about the seagull that lives within you and I.

Diamond continued his encore with "Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show." With the mirrors in position, he comes back out on stage and the lights come on.

If it wasn't before, it was then, the feeling of unity took hold while 1,400 people were being reflexed off the eight fifteen by 4 foot mirrors.

Diamond ended the show by singing, "I've Been This Way Before," and received a standing ovation several times throughout each performance.

Before coming to the Greek Theater, Neil was nervous about how to do the show and where to have it. He knew it would have to be at least as good as his last performance in August of 1972 if not better.

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ROCK PERSONALITY -- Peter Frampton won on the Rock Awards special last Saturday night. He is shown singing for the audience as (photo by Chris Abbot)

T.V. review

Rock awards presented

by Dean Lyon

The beginning of the yearly series of star-studded, envelope-opening television specials was marked with the CBS Second Annual Rock Music Awards last Saturday night.

The two-hour show was hosted by the world-famous Motown singer Diana Ross and the rock extravaganza Alice Cooper and was broadcast live from the Hollywood Palladium.

The winners of the awards which spanned 15 different categories were selected by a nationwide panel of critics, writers and disc jockeys.

The highlights of the fast-paced program included the crazy presentation of Alice Cooper's "I'll Never Cry," and the brief appearance of Keith Moon to accept the Hall of Fame Award presented to the Beatles. Paul McCartney was named the Best Male Vocalist.

Miss Ross, who won her fame as a member of the Supremes, was voted the Female Entertainer of the Century.

Rock guitarist Peter Frampton was pronounced the Outstanding Rock Personality of the Year.

The long-lived rock group Fleetwood Mac was selected as the Best Group and their current release was picked as the Best Album of the Year.

The Best Composer of the Year Award went to Paul Simon for his "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover" and the Producer of the Year was given to Queen for their unique album, "A Night at the Opera."

The Best record Award went to the Jefferson Starship for their currently released single, "Miracles."

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Defeat spoils Black's debut



Mark
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from Rio Hondo College last week, the Dons will try their luck against county-rival Cypress College tomorrow night at the Santa Ana Bowl.

Hopefully, coach Howard Black will have his troops regrouped and raring to go after an opening night performance that left many optimistic fans disappointed. "Obviously, we need to improve in several areas,"



says Black. "We learned a lot and have a better evaluation of our people. We need to gel as a unit and play with more intensity."

Despite the lackluster Don

After suffering an embarrassing, 38-0, shellacking

by Ray Crawford

Spikers win tourney after rigid practice

by Elaine Beno

The Women's Volleyball AA team overpowered El Camino College in the final match of the U.S. Volleyball Association Fellowship Tournament here last Saturday, taking home first place trophy in the meet.

SAC captured the crown with 4-15, 15-3 and 15-7 scores.

According to Coach Nancy Warren, the spikers have gone through rigorous practice and conditioning to prepare for this tournament and the season.

Warren is pleased thus far. "It looks good," she says, "An enthusiastic group makes a big difference."

Although Saturday's tournament was for practice as well as companionship, Warren stated there was still some pressure felt.

The coach added, "The team looked good -- as a whole we held together well. The players know what has to be done."

Warren is employing a 6-0 strategy this season in which all six players on the court will be able to hit and set the ball. This style, opposed to the center-back or right-back technique, allows a faster offense and more skillful playing situation.

The coach feels that playing "as a Team" has a lot to do with how the volleyballers will fair during the year. "You have to have six players out there on the court. You can't do it with just a couple of stars," she emphasized.

Warren expects the teams to do well. "We should be up on top with Golden West and Orange Coast -- they were good last year so they'll probably be good this year."

The challenge in the past, Warren has found, is being in a large, highly competitive league. Last year, six of the eight teams qualified for the finals.

But this year with all experienced players and Warren concentrating her coaching efforts on volleyball only, and not on basketball as last year, the spikers are looking forward to a successful season.



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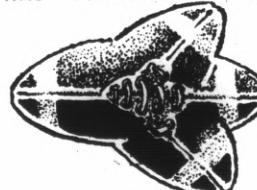
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showing, Cypress coach Don Lent is still entering tomorrow's affair apprehensively: "I'm expecting a real tough game. The Dons are a team with a lot of ability and with this being their first home game I expect them to be ready."

Again, Black will unleash his I-formation attack. Tailback Clarence Jackson, an explosive bull-like runner is the top



contender to carry the bulk of the running load. Jackson powered his way to a hard-earned 66 yards on 17 carries rushing in last week's downfall.

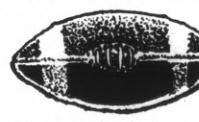
Quarterback Steve Cody is penciled in to start at the vital leadership position. It is to his shoulders that the Dons will try and muster up some type of offensive punch.

Cody's core of receivers will include sophomore Paul Carnegie along with freshmen Chuck Hogg and Jim Christopher. Christopher, 6-1,

180-pounder from El Modena, displayed flashes of brilliance by dazzling the Rio Hondo secondary with his five caught passes for 58 yards.



The vaunted defense that is originally associated with SAC squads will definitely have to improve its effectiveness if it is



to stand to claim. Jack Elmer, a 6-2, 215 hard-hitting freshman linebacker, played extremely



well for a defense that often appeared languid.

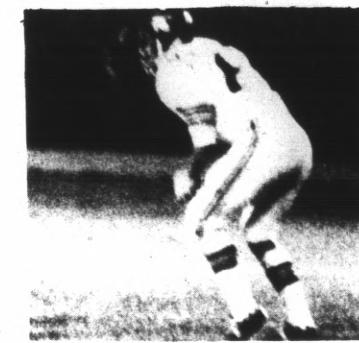
Tomorrow night's game will give SAC fans an opportunity to view a team whose primary goal will be to erase the nightmare that fell on them last week. You can better believe that Black, as shrewd a coach that he is, is diligently working to bring victory to light.



Mike Tesimale



Jim Christopher



Steve Volmer

Soccer club shows uplift despite moderate start

by David E. Busch

Participating in the first annual Golden West Soccer Cup, SAC dropped a close 3-2 game to top-rated GWC and eventually finished in last place at the tournament.

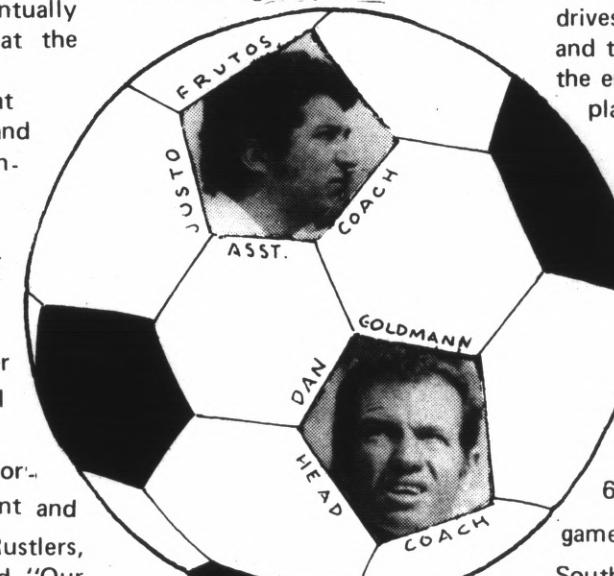
Against a team that beat both Cal State Fullerton and UCLA in pre-season contests, SAC goalkeeper Tom Lytle earned praise from his teammates after giving up only two points on penalty kicks and one point to a former Santa Ana High School soccerman, Abel Dorado.

Analyzing SAC's performance against the frequent and aggressive drives of the Rustlers, Coach Dan Goldmann said, "Our defense was very good -- excellent. Our offense wasn't as good as the defense, but they were potent."

Clearly, at the end of the first day of last weekend's tourney,

coaches and club members felt somewhat pleased with the team's progress, despite their defeat to GWC.

On Sunday, beset with a scheduling problem that



prevented two key players from starting, along with Jesus Tapia who joined Salvador Enriquez on the injured list, SAC saw defeat again, this time to a

tightly organized team from Cañada College, Redwood City.

Scoring in the first and second half, Cañada displayed few cracks as SAC soccermen attempted several unsuccessful drives to the goal. Said halfback and team manager Gabriel Gil at the end of the game, "They just played better than we did."

At the end of the tournament El Camino College had taken first after beating GWC. Cañada claimed third place with a 2-0 score.

El Camino toppled SAC earlier in the year, 6-0. In their other pre-season game this year, the Dons tied Southern California College, 4-4.

The soccermen will face Harbor City College here today at 3:30. The outcome of Tuesday's contest with Long Beach City College was not available at press time.

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Poloists take plunge into brand new season

by Gary White

The new waterpolo team reasserts itself in a tough league this season with improved players leading the way.

In non-conference play beginning last week, the squad neatly put the Citrus Owls away delivering them a 14-9 defeat. Also in non-league play the Dons gained valuable experience in a



Larry Reese

13-3 defeat against Golden West's Rustlers.

Conference action begins Oct. 8 when the aquamen play host to San Diego Mesa at 3:30 p.m. Robert Gaughran, the Dons coach, says he hopes to improve on last year's record (12-14) overall and (2-8) conference (5th place) standing. "With the returning lettermen and high quality frosh, we plan on doing well," said Gaughran.

Among the lettermen returning are Steve Moore and Dan Schultz (Bolsa Grande); Warren Oswald and Jeff Harman (Foothill); Jeff Woods and Doug Bryant (Villa Park); Doug Herich

(El Modena); Lynn Besch (Garden Grove); and Larry Reese (Orange High).

Newcomers to SAC include Brian Pope and Jeff Jones (Santa Ana High); Steve Slaughter and Kevin Fadgen (Santa Ana Valley); Mark Goodwin (Katella); Keith Delap (Saddleback); Garrett Slingerland (El Modena); and Craig Rublee (San Antonio High, Texas).

When asked what major factor affected the establishment of a well-rounded waterpolo program here, the Coach said it was caused by lack of continuity in the secondary schools. He also commented that SAC has but eight schools to recruit from while others in the conference have at times up to 25.

"We are without an individual star. All our players are pretty even," said Gaughran. "We should develop well as a team and show improvement over last year."

So another season begins for the poloists. With a strong team nucleus, a winning season is within their grasp.



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Volleyball anyone? Not after 11 days!

by Jim Hughes

"Hell no. I'm sick of volleyball."

These were the words of Csaba Szilagyi which explain why the sport would not be part of his physical education curriculum this year. And after going through 264 straight hours of the game, one can hardly blame him.

Eighteen-year-old Szilagyi, SAC freshman, headed a world record volleyball marathon at Cabrillo Park in Santa Ana, in which Szilagyi, myself and 11 other SAC students participated.

Involved in the record-breaking were Paul Brown, Marcia Cargill, Cindy Cyr, Jose De La Rosa, Mike Gallanes, Dave George, Derich Martin, Tom Neely, Dan Poencet, Steve Radwell and Lance Robinson.

The game was scheduled for just 83 hours but later we found that the information was gained from an old Guinness Book of World Records. The record was actually 244 hours.

"We started on Aug. 31 at noon and ended at noon Sept. 11," Szilagyi said.

Only once during the game was there any trouble. Sept. 2 at about 1 a.m. there were some people drinking on the nearby street corner. They didn't cause any trouble until Joe Szilagyi tried to force them to leave.

A fight broke out, and some security officers on the premises tried to cuff the trouble-makers, but they all made a clean get-away.

After playing volleyball for two-and-a-half days no one felt like chasing them. The players were dragging on the courts. With fun like that, who wants to go play tag on the streets?

A lack of players made things tough according to Szilagyi. "We wanted 85 players, but only had about 47," the brown-haired electronics major added.

The players took donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Society. The game was planned to end in time to take the money to Jerry Lewis' Telethon in Las Vegas.

Another reason for playing the game was to do something to put a bang at the end of an otherwise dull summer.

A few members of the volleyball team were also part of the making of what is unofficially the longest telephone call on record. This stunt took place two years ago for 32-and-a-half days (780 hours).

"Some friends and I plan to break some more records," Szilagyi said. Hop-skotch and bowling are on the list. Szilagyi also has a personal desire to break Huntington Beach High's lap-sitting record. "I would like to do it on SAC's track and get as many people involved as possible," he said.

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